

FORT A.P. HILL FISHING REGULATIONS



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History. This Regulation incorporates changes as needed for use on Fort A.P. Hill.

Summary. This Regulation describes the policies and procedures that govern fishing at Fort A.P. Hill.

Applicability. This Regulation applies to all individuals fishing within the boundary of Fort A.P. Hill.

Suggested Improvements. The proponent of this Regulation is the Directorate of Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) and Natural Resources Division (NRD). Users are invited to send comments and suggested improvements on DA Form 2028 (Recommended Changes to Publications and Blank Forms) to MWR , 15135 Montague Road, Fort A.P. Hill, Virginia 22427

*This Regulation supersedes APH Regulation 200-6, dated 1 January 2005.

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1. POLICY. All recreational activities at Fort A. P. Hill (FAPH) are authorized and controlled by the Installation Commander in accordance with the appropriate Federal, State, and County laws and Department of the Army Regulation/Circulars/Policies. Minimum restrictions on all recreational activities are established to ensure safety, security, protection of property, and efficient accomplishment of FAPH missions. Federal and State Governments have concurrent legal jurisdiction at FAPH.

a. It is your responsibility to read and understand the FAPH fishing regulations in their entirety.

b. The dangers inherent as a result of military training exist in all areas. It is possible to find unexploded ordnance (duds) anywhere. If a dud is found, mark the area, NOT THE DUD, and report it immediately to the Game Check Station (GCS), 18616 A.P. Hill Drive, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-8102, (Building P00390), (804) 633-8244. If the Game Check Station is closed, report it to the Directorate of Emergency Services (DES), 14115 Montague Road, Fort A. P. Hill, VA 22427-3115, (804) 633-8888. Signing of the General Release Statement relieves the Government of responsibility, i.e., "Fishing at your own risk."

c. Collecting. With the exception of the fish species harvested permitted by this regulation, to garner or harvest ANY plant, animal, or artifact is prohibited. To request permission to collect write to: Fisheries Section, DPW ED, 19952 North Range Road, Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia 22427-3123.

d. No gasoline-powered motors may be used on FAPH waters. Electric motors are permitted. Boats equipped with outboard motors are permitted provided the motors are not operated.

e. No fish taken from FAPH waters may be sold.

f. It is unlawful to possess, use or distribute any explosives, poisons, or other noxious substances in FAPH waters.

g. Fishing contests/tournaments are prohibited without the prior written approval of the Installation Commander. To request permission, send a written request to: Garrison Commander, Headquarters, US Army Garrison, 18436 4th Street, Fort A.P. Hill, VA 22427-3114.

h. Wading or swimming in any open waters on FAPH is PROHIBITED! All military/civilian personnel requesting waterborne type training must have prior written approval from the Installation Commander.

i. All anglers are responsible for keeping areas clean. Trash and residue remaining from food and food containers will be disposed of in proper receptacles. Littering is a violation of State and FAPH laws/regulations.

j. Open fires are not permitted at any time. Cooking fires are allowed in properly enclosed devices, and authorized areas only. All anglers must take precautions to prevent forest fires. Anyone locating a fire should report it to the FAPH DES Desk Officer at (804) 633-8888 or dial 911.

k. All speed limits will be observed as posted. Speed control is monitored by radar throughout the Installation.

l. Every year, government property such as signs, boats, picnic tables, and docks and piers, are damaged by inconsiderate persons. Please report any acts of vandalism or other illegal incidents to the DES Desk Officer or Game Warden section at (804) 633-8888/8454.

2. PENALTIES. Each angler is responsible for knowing and adhering to Federal, State, County and FAPH fishing laws/circulars/regulations. All Virginia state boating rules and regulations will be strictly observed and enforced while fishing on FAPH waters. Anyone violating a posted sign, evading a barricade, entering a restricted area, or failing to comply with any

fishing laws/circulars/regulations, conducting an activity which may be hazardous to life and safety, may be barred from the Installation,

have their recreational privileges revoked, be fined, be incarcerated, issued applicable citations and/or any combination of the penalties listed above as allowed by law.

3. STATE AND COUNTY LICENSE. Presentation of a current Virginia State, or Caroline County fishing license is required to obtain a FAPH fishing permit.

4. FORT A.P. HILL RECREATIONAL PERMITS.

a. General program and permit information may be obtained by contacting the following:

(1) Game Check Station (GCS), 18616 A.P. Hill Drive, (804)633-8244.

(2) Community Activity Center (CAC), 18380 4th Street (804) 633-8219

b. Fishing Permits. FAPH fishing and trout permits may be purchased upon presentation of a current Virginia State or Caroline County fishing license (resident or non-resident as applicable), and completion of DPW(APH) Form 22 and 33 (Application and General Release). Permits may be obtained at the GCS or CAC depending on time of year. All adult anglers must sign the General Release Statement. A parent or guardian must sign for a minor. Individuals must have their Virginia State or Caroline County fishing license, FAPH fishing permit and trout permit (if applicable) in their possession while fishing FAPH waters.

(1) FAPH fishing permits

PERMIT TYPES	PERMIT COST
General (persons aged 16 - 64)	\$20.00/yr
Senior citizen/disabled (persons aged 65+ and/or persons having a VA state disabled permit or certificate)	\$20.00 (lifetime)
Five Day	\$5.00
Persons less than 16 years of age	No charge

(2) FAPH trout permits

PERMIT TYPES	Adult 16 - 64	Senior (65+) or Junior (< 16)
Daily Trout Permit	\$5.00	\$4.00
Annual Trout Permit (January - April)	\$55.00	\$50.00
Weekend Sat & Sun	\$10.00	\$9.00

c. Hours of Operation. The hours of operation for the sales of fishing permits are listed below. Permits will be sold at the GCS or CAC depending on time of year. During inclement weather, or following national security events, it is possible for FAPH to be closed for recreational activities. Persons may call (804) 633-8600 to determine the status of accessing FAPH.

MONTH	BLDG.	MON - FRI	SAT	SUN
1 JAN - 31 JAN	GCS	0800-1630	0800-1630	CLOSED
1 FEB - 31 DEC	Call the GCS (804) 633-8244 or CAC (804) 633-8219 for hours of operation for the sale of fishing permits			

5. ANGLER CHECK IN/OUT PROCEDURES

a. Anglers entering the Installation will be instructed to proceed to the Access Control Point (ACP). At the ACP, the individual(s) will be identified and asked for the following documents:

(1) Photo identification (Drivers License, Military ID Card, etc...)

(2) FAPH fishing permit (If no permit, angler(s) will be issued a day pass and instructed to proceed to the GCS or CAC to purchase a FAPH fishing permit)

b. Anglers must verify safe access with the DES Desk Officer prior to fishing Whites Lake, Laser Range Pond, or Smoots Pond.

c. Anglers desiring to fish exterior waters (Smoots Pond and Whites Lake) shall contact the DES Desk Officer. The angler will be logged in to fish that specific area and will contact the DES Desk Officer to check out of the area upon completion of the fishing trip. In accordance with Installation law enforcement policy, both actions of the individual will be recorded by entries into the Daily Police Desk Journal.

6. FISHING REGULATIONS.

a. Fish must be caught using hook and line or rod and reel. A hand landing net may be used to land fish legally hooked.

b. No game fish species may be used as bait. All game fish caught in excess of the posted daily limits must be released back into FAPH waters. Transport and/or release of live game fish to any other location is prohibited. The following fish are considered game fish species: largemouth bass, chain pickerel, and all panfish (bluegill, pumpkinseed sunfish, redear sunfish, redbreast sunfish, flier, warmouth, and black crappie).

c. All waters that lie within the boundary of FAPH have the following daily creel and size limits.

SPECIES	QTY	SIZE LIMIT
Largemouth Bass CAUGHT BETWEEN 1 January - 15 April	1	20" MINIMUM
Largemouth Bass CAUGHT BETWEEN 16 April – 31 December	2	15" MINIMUM
Catfish	5	NO SIZE LIMIT
Chain Pickerel	4	NO SIZE LIMIT
Panfish	NO LIMIT	NO SIZE LIMIT
Grass Carp	ALL MUST BE RELEASED	

d. Hours of operation for fishing are daily sunrise - sunset, except for Smoots Pond, Whites Lake, Laser Range Pond, and Mill Creek.

e. The following waters have special regulations that will be strictly enforced:

(1) Mill Creek. All anglers fishing and/or dipping herring from the Route 17/Mill Creek Bridge southward, must

(2) comply with FAPH fishing regulations, and must purchase a FAPH fishing permit.

During the spring herring- spawning season (March - May), anglers are permitted to dip herring daily 24 hours a day. Hours of operation from January - February and June - December will be daily sunrise - sunset.

(2) Smoots Pond and Whites Lake. These ponds are accessible only from state roads along the south boundary and are available for fishing when training is not being conducted. Anglers must contact DES at (804) 633-8888 to verify safe access prior to fishing.

(3) Bowies Pond. Anglers are reminded that fishing in this pond requires a state fishing license and FAPH fishing permit. This requirement includes fishing from the pull-off located along State Route 2.

(4) Laser Range Pond. The Laser Range Pond located in training area 17 may be open for fishing when the laser range test facility is not in use. Anglers are permitted to access the Laser Range Pond off of General Forrest Road only. Anglers must contact DES at (804) 633-8888 to verify safe access prior to fishing.

(5) Buzzards Roost Pond. Buzzards Roost Pond is currently managed as a trout pond only.

(6) Those persons fishing designated trout waters (Beaver Dam Pond and Buzzards Roost Pond) from 14 January - 30 April

must possess a FAPH fishing and trout permit. Any person who possesses a FAPH fishing permit may fish for and keep trout (no limit) that are caught after April 30 (end of the trout season).

7. TROUT FISHING REGULATIONS.

a. The trout fishing season will begin 14 January and end 30 April 2006. Designated stocked trout waters are Beaver Dam Pond and Buzzards Roost Pond.

b. Those persons participating in the trout stocking program must possess a FAPH trout permit.

c. A maximum of one fishing line/pole per person may be used while fishing designated trout waters from 14 January - 30 April 2006.

d. The daily creel limit for trout is 6 per person. Persons fishing designated trout waters after 30 April 2006 are not required to possess a trout permit. There will be no daily creel limit for trout after 30 April 2006.

8. REFERENCES.

a. AR 200-3, Natural Resources Land, Forest and Wildlife Management, 28 February 1995.

b. AR 385-63, Range Safety, 19 May 2003.

c. Virginia Boating Guide, 2006.

d. Virginia Freshwater and Saltwater Fishing Regulations, Jan. 2005 – June 2006